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AGRICULTURAL LAND TO PEASANTS
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of farmers who were given agricultural loan in Punjab during the last three years, category-wise;

(b) the amount of loan recovered so far from each category; and

(c) the details of measures proposed to be taken by the Government to expedite the recovery from big farmers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV)

(a): The total number of farmers who were given agricultural loans during the last three years in Punjab is Annexed.

(b): Category-wise break up of recovery is not available. However, as informed by Reserve Bank of India and National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development, the CooperativeBanks, Regional Rural Banks and Commercial Banks taken together have recovered an amount of Rs.11223.27 crore from the farmers during last three years.

(c): Punjab Governments has two Recovery Acts viz., Punjab Public Moneys (Recovery of Dues) Act, 1983 and Punjab Agricultural Credit Operations and Misc. Provisions (Banks) Act,1978 for recovering the dues from borrowers. There is a proposal for amending these acts. Besides, One Time Settlement Scheme by the banks is under operation for speedy recovery of loans from the farmers.

Annexure

Statement showing Category-wise total number of farmers who were given agricultural loan in Punjab during the last three years.

Year	Upto 2.5 acres	Above 2.5 acres to 5 acres	Above 5 acres	Total
1999-2000	82260	62312	94275	238847
2000-2001	356147	64904	103549	524600
2001-2002	541218	86655	119912	747785

Source : NABARD AND RBI